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Title: Biocompatible Compounds for Sustained Release Pharmaceutical Drug Delivery Systems
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on September 23, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
iii. ☐ Other
b. ☐ Enclosed
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
iv. ☐ Other
2. ☒ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently
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ii. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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